

Department of Transportation
Public Port Authority

Mission

The mission of the West Virginia Public Port Authority is to develop the potential of intermodalism by combining highway, rail, air, and water transportation infrastructure to maximize overall economic advantages to business, industry, and the citizens of West Virginia.

Operations

Regional Airport Development

- Oversee the completion of all studies deemed necessary to determine the feasibility of a regional airport.
- Provide relevant information to all interested parties concerning the progress of each study phase.
- Develop commercial air operator interest.
- Develop land purchase plan.

River Port Development

- Assist interested private or public parties in the development and operation of public port facilities for economic enhancement throughout West Virginia.
- Provide matching funds for U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' studies.
- Encourage intermodal transportation planning.
- Serve on the Board of Directors of the Association for the Development of Inland Navigation in America's Ohio Valley; Polymer Alliance Zone; and National Waterways Conference, Inc.
- Serve on the Maritime Administrations Inland Riversystem Team, U.S. Department of Transportation; Tri-State Port Security Committee, standing committee of the U. S. Coast Guard; and Ohio River Basin International Trade, Travel, and Tourism.

Public Port Authority
Expenditures

	TOTAL FTE POSITIONS 11/30/2003	FY 2003 ACTUALS	FY 2004 BUDGETED	FY 2005 REQUESTED	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION
EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAM					
Regional Airport Authority	0.00	895,815	1,309,336	1,493,813	
River Port Development	3.00	\$719,195	\$2,654,461	\$1,826,422	
Less: Reappropriated		(492,482)	(843,264)	0	
TOTAL BY PROGRAM	3.00	1,122,528	3,120,533	3,320,235	3,321,737
EXPENDITURE BY FUND					
General Fund					
FTE Positions		3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Total Personal Services		155,570	175,424	175,474	175,474
Employee Benefits		34,802	48,719	48,688	48,990
Other Expenses		324,495	1,344,654	436,073	437,273
Less: Reappropriated		(492,482)	(843,264)	0	0
Subtotal: General Fund		22,385	725,533	660,235	661,737
Federal Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		1,100,143	2,395,000	2,660,000	2,660,000
Subtotal: Federal Fund		1,100,143	2,395,000	2,660,000	2,660,000
Appropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		0	0	0	0
Less: Reappropriated		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Appropriated Special Fund		0	0	0	0
Nonappropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Nonappropriated Special Fund		0	0	0	0
TOTAL FTE POSITIONS BY FUND	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND		\$1,122,528	\$3,120,533	\$3,320,235	\$3,321,737

Public Port Authority
Programs

Regional Airport Development

Mission

Coordinate development of the proposed West Virginia regional airport through a series of in-depth feasibility, environmental, funding, and other studies.

Goals/Objectives

Development of the West Virginia Regional Airport.

- Complete transition/reuse plan, benefit/cost analysis, and economic impact analysis, and acquire acceptance of these by the FAA.
- Conduct environmental impact study.
- Develop a land purchase and governance plan.

Performance Measures

- ✓ Researched and submitted to FAA the governance section of the consolidation/reuse plan for the Proposed Regional Airport Study.
- ✓ Reviewed and approved the scope of services for phase one of the Environmental Impact Statement.
- ✓ Submitted final Economic Impact Statement for FAA acceptance.

River Port Development

Mission

Develop intermodal public river ports to increase the business and industrial competitiveness of West Virginia through improved intermodal transportation opportunities.

Goals/Objectives

Secure a sustainable long-term revenue stream to fund West Virginia Public Port Authority activity for economic growth throughout West Virginia.

- Seek legislative approval of a nonresident commercial watercraft tax for intermodal river port development.

Raise the level of inland river system marine domain awareness and security.

- Conduct educational programs.
- Provide information through various communications media.
- Engage in national, state, and local partnerships and activities.

Enter into agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for various port studies.

- * Erickson—potential initiation March 2004.
- * Cabell/Wayne—potential initiation March 2004.
- * Buffalo/Putnam—potential initiation March 2004.
- * Kanawha Valley—local port district master plan estimated completion June 2005.
- * Mason County—local port district master plan estimated completion June 2005.

Assist in the development of commercial and recreational river port facilities.

- Coordinate the construction and marketing of the consolidated wood container facility—Jackson County.
- Continue the development of the North Charleston Distribution Center—Charleston.
- Coordinate development of an intermodal container facility—Prichard.
- Continue the development and support of local port authority districts.
- Seek federal grants to develop or enhance riverside recreational opportunities.

Public Port Authority Programs

Performance Measures

- ✓ Nonresident commercial watercraft tax bill was introduced during West Virginia's 2003 legislative session, but did not pass. Legislation will be resubmitted in 2004.
- ✓ Assisted in securing federal funding for the development of transient boat docks in Morgantown, Star City, and Point Pleasant.
- ✓ Study conducted for the West Virginia Public Port Authority by the Nick J. Rahall, II Appalachian Transportation Institute at Marshall University determined the feasibility of the North Charleston Distribution Center.
- ✓ Participated in the formation of the Blue Gray Intermodal Highway Authority, whose purpose is to increase intermodal traffic at the Jackson County Maritime and Industrial Centre.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2001</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2002</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2005</u>
Feasibility studies initiated	0	0	0	1	1	1
Feasibility studies completed	2	1	2	2	1	1
Port district status awarded	0	2	1	3	1	1